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Subject: Lindsay Light II Site/RV3 North Columbus Drive

POLREP #: 1

II. BACKGROUND

Site ID: YT
Response Authority: CERCLA/ENFORCEMENT
UAO Date: March 29, 2000
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Start Date: April 4, 2000

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A) Current Situation

On February 29, 2000, U.S. EPA discovered elevated levels of radioactive materials at the Grand Pier development directly across Columbus Drive from the existing Lindsay Light II site. Since discovery of the new contamination, U.S. EPA has worked with Grand Pier, Kerr-McGee Chemical, and River East to implement the requirements of the existing Lindsay Light UAO at the Grand Pier property and at the six landfills that accepted potentially radioactive materials from the Grand Pier property. Work proceeded under the existing UAO until the Amended UAO was issued on March 29, 2000. On March 28, 2000, an Action Memorandum was signed documenting the determination of a threat to public health and the environment.

On March 23, 2000, U.S. EPA approved the work plan prepared for the Lindsay Light II Site/RV3 North Columbus Drive.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

On March 29, 2000, a public forum was held at the Gleacher Center to explain to the local community the existence of thorium at the future Grand Pier development.

On April 3, 2000, a site-specific and radiation training was held. Removal contractors mobilized to the site the following day. According to the progress report for April 2000, 3,494 tons of thorium-impacted soil has been shipped to the Envirocare disposal facility in Clive, Utah.